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CAIRO, EGYPT, JAN 5 (REUTERS)- A COURT HERE  
 RETIRED TODAY TO DELIBERATE ON ITS FINDINGS AT THE END OF THE  
 TRIAL OF AN EGYPTIAN NEWSMAN CHARGED WITH PASSING  
 DEFENSE SECRETS TO AN AMERICAN EMBASSY OFFICIAL.  
 THE VERDICT ON THE JOURNALIST, MUSTAPHA AMIN,  
 IS UNLIKELY TO BE ANNOUNCED FOR SOME WEEKS.  
 AMIN, 32-YEAR-OLD FORMER EDITOR OF THE  
 INFLUENTIAL AL AKHBAR, WAS ARRESTED HERE JULY 21 ALONG  
 WITH A U.S. EMBASSY OFFICIAL BRUCE TAYLOR ODELL,  
 TO WHOM HE WAS ACCUSED OF HANDING OVER SECRETS.  
 ODELL CLAIMED DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY AND RETURNED TO THE  
 U.S.  
 AT HIS TRIAL WHICH BEGAN DEC. 22, AMIN PLEADED  
 NOT GUILTY TO TWO CHARGES INVOLVING SECRET INFORMATION AND  
 GUILTY TO TWO CHARGES ALLEGING CURRENCY OFFENSES.  
 APART FROM A BRIEF OPENING SESSION, THE TRIAL TOOK  
 PLACE BEHIND CLOSED DOORS. COURT OFFICIALS WOULD  
 GIVE NO DETAILS OF TODAY'S PROCEEDINGS.  
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